



Regular Washoe Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2016
Woodfords Community

A. CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer: Deirdre Jones Flood, Vice Chairwoman

B. ROLL CALL

Council Members Present

Gary Nevers, Carson Colony
Chad Malone, Carson Colony
Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville Community
Elvia McDonald, Dresslerville Community
Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks
Stan Smokey, Stewart Community

Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community
Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community
Daniel Christensen, Woodfords Community
Mahlon Machado, Off Reservation

Jeremy Steele, Interim Secretary/Treasurer, confirms quorum.

C. READING OF THE AGENDA: Vice Chairwoman Flood

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 8, 2016. Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks – Page 3, Stewart Community report – correct last sentence to read “Had one resignation from the *Committee* so looking for another member”. Under Woodfords Community, clarify the sentence “asked to ask Carson regarding the cows for the Picnic”, corrected to “Irvin Jim stated he was asked by someone to ask Carson about the cows for the picnic and if they will be keeping the hides”. Motion to approve the minutes with corrections made by Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks, seconded by Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community. **The vote was (9) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Motion carries.**

E. OLD BUSINESS

F. NEW BUSINESS

1) Deirdre Jones Flood, Vice Chairwoman

a) Appointment of Washoe Tribe Secretary/Treasurer. Elvia McDonald, Dresslerville Community requested Jeremy's past experience as Secretary. Mahlon Machado, Off Reservation, made the motion to accept, seconded by Daniel Christensen, Woodfords Community. **The vote was (4) for, (2) against, (5) abstentions. Motion carries.**

It was noted at this time that Chad Malone, Carson Colony (6:11pm) and Stan Smokey, Stewart Community (6:15pm) arrived at the meeting.

2) Kenneth Cruz, Roads Crew Manager

a) Approval of 2016-2019 TIP Resolution. Recap of what has already been presented to the Community Councils. Reading of the resolution. Comment by Stan Smokey, Stewart Community that he supports the program, but not a middle man and feels the Tribe is wasting money by hiring a general contractor. Motion to approve resolution #2016-08-WTC-067 by Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks, seconded by Elvia McDonald, Dresslerville Community. **The vote was (11) for, (0) against, (1) abstention. Motion carries.**

3) Pauline Howe, Finance Director

a) Schwab Account Documents Resolution – Presented by John Hosman, FSA Investment Group, LLC. Two options narrowed down by the Executive Team. First option is to keep the Tribe 10 account and Line of Credit at UBS. Listed the pros and cons. Option two is to use a third party Line of Credit which means the Tribe would open an account with an institution/bank and work with Schwab. Listed pros and cons. Recommended option one as the best with the smoothest transition. There will be no agreement tonight as Legal review is required by both the Tribe and the chosen option. **Unanimous Consensus of Tribal Council was to accept option #1.**

4) Diane Vitols, General Counsel

a) Court Prosecutor Selection – Presented the three prosecutor applicants. Discussion regarding Native American Law experience between the three candidates. Question by Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community, regarding relocating of out-of-state candidates. Response was that the gentleman out-of-state was eager to relocate and there are enough cases to merit that. Questions from audience regarding fining people with no money and why Law Enforcement was expanded. Vice Chairwoman explained that there is a very large case load and with the Casino opening it warrants additional police. Mahlon Machado responded that with the additional properties, more traffic, businesses being open 24 hours a day means more incidents will occur with more people. Question from Elvia McDonald, Dresslerville Community asked about experience with Casinos. Diane Vitols explained that he will be acting as a Prosecutor and will only work with Law Enforcement cases or if there is a casino issue. Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community and Irvin Jim, Woodfords Community recommend Steven Campbell, Derrick Penney as second choice. **Consensus of Tribal Council was to go with Steven Campbell first and Derrick Penney second with Skype meetings for both.**

G. COMMUNITY AND CHAIRMAN REPORT(S)

- a) Deirdre Jones Flood, Vice Chairwoman – New directive for Directors to come to all Tribal Council meetings. Also two departments will be presenting each month. The Secretary/Treasurer will let you know when you are scheduled to present.
- b) Carson Colony – Gary Nevers. No action items. Hosting the Washoe Picnic.
- c) Dresslerville Community – Rueben Vasquez. No action items.

d) Woodfords Community – Irvin Jim, no action items. Teen CERT training. Had Community BBQ. Youth Awareness Day will be on September 3rd.

e) Stewart Community – Jacqueline Steele, no action items. Next Constitution meeting will be Wednesday, August 17th in Dresslerville at the Washoe Housing Authority. Will have a booth at the Washoe Picnic with tablets asking people to do a survey on what changes/amendments they would like to see to the Constitution. Stan Smokey – Flyer in paper regarding a motorcycle race in Carson City reminded him of the motocross track that he would like to see revisited. Comments from the audience, Becky Smokey, with concerns of noise issues, culturally sensitive area and the question of how the Tribe profits from this and all these issues were addressed previously. Stan Smokey explained that each Community would have their own concession stand and entry fees would go to the Tribe to account for sanitation facilities, etc. Lorraine Keller, Reno/Sparks – Her recollection was the gentleman who presented this, offered the Tribe only 40%. Elvia McDonald, Dresslerville Community recalled the parcel indicated was going to be used for something else and concerned with the desecration of sacred lands. Stan Smokey restated his position. Chad Malone, Carson Colony stated he felt the Tribe should stay focused on the new enterprises, the Casino and Travel Plaza. Elvia McDonald, Dresslerville Community would like to see the minutes where Tribal Council approved this plan. Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville Community would like to see more information/research as he is not opposed to the plan for the future. Jeremy Steele, Off Reservation believes it is worth looking at again as it could be profitable to the Tribe but with more research. Gary Nevers, Carson Colony indicated that there is funding/profit in racing and does not oppose the plan. Deirdre Flood, Vice Chairwoman would like to see more information/research and have another presentation to Council and asked Rob Beltramo to work with Stan Smokey.

f) Off Reservation – Mahlon Machado. No action items. In final stages of website and have different ideas of how to get the information out there. End of September, early October. At the Washoe Picnic will have a booth and gathering Off Reservation Tribal Members' contact information. Website: Washoeoffrez.com

Question from the audience, Becky Smokey – Off Reservation and Constitution Committee – what efforts are being made to ensure we are reaching all the people for the secretarial election. Jacqueline Steele, Stewart Community – the BIA will be doing the secretarial election. BIA will obtain an eligible vote list from the Tribe and will send out voting packets and will be doing a mail-out ballot. We do not know who will be the representative from the BIA yet. Public meetings will be held every other month. Mahlon Machado – Currently have a list of addresses and email addresses for the Off Reservation members and asking all members to update their information. Jeremy Steele – Off Reservation has a survey on-line that allows the members to update their information and is constantly updated the system. Elvia McDonald, Dresslerville Community wanted to know why the stipends of the Constitution Committee are so high. Jacqueline Steele responds that she feels the stipends are not that high and the BIA will be absorbing the cost of the secretarial election. She also made the comment that the Tribe needs to update their website as soon as possible. Vice Chairwoman Flood indicated that Administration was aware of it and has IT working on it. It is a priority.

g) Reno/Sparks – Lorraine Keller – No action items. Getting less and less Tribal Members because of Reno/Sparks disenrollment.

Gary Nevers, Carson Colony made a motion to go into closed session for an Enrollment issue. Seconded by Rueben Vasquez, Dresslerville Community. **The vote was (11) for, (0) against, (1) abstentions. Motion carries.**

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was not recorded.